



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KEIJI KOMOTO ET AL ) : Examiner: Janis L. Dote  
Application No.: 09/987,490 ) : Group Art Unit: 1756  
Filed: November 15, 2001 ) :  
For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD )  
AND APPARATUS : November 3, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

Supplementing the response to the Final Office Action filed October 7, 2004, kindly replace the Amendments to the Specification Section (b) in that response with a corrected Amendments to the Specification Section as follows: